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To Whom It May Concern,

The remedies for the Microsoft Settlement must be fair but not so disruptive that competitive innovations would have no platform to work from. If the government kills off Microsoft the cost will be tremendous for everyone to switch to ????? The "unfair competition" seems inherently a part of the nature of these relatively new technologies. If there were not basic uniform operating systems the information technology business would not exist. If Microsoft was more aggressive and kept a "closed system" similar to Apple Computer where would competition be? Apple has a significant share of the PC market. Where are the others? If Microsoft were not innovative and added features we could still using Visacalc and be playing Pong.

Many of the software companies calling foul should have approached this business problem with a different tact. Their efforts to tag along behind the leaders will always be a disadvantage. The government must not punish the leaders of an industry just to help the weak companies that are just along for the ride. In the beginning I was a very strong Apple supporter, but I needed integrated products that could be used economically so I switched to PCs and Microsoft software. The need for uniformity and connectiveness breeds the necessity to be able to work across different platforms. Users need products that work and are also convenient. (To save time and expense.)

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